I request the Government to direct the Department of Environment to take necessary action against this factory under the Environment Protection Act in public interest and protect the life and property of the citizens of Samastipur.

(vi) **Need to take steps to check the drought situation in Garhwal, Uttar Pradesh**

[*English*]

SHRI BHUWAN CHANDRA KHANDURI (Garhwal): There is a near drought situation in Garhwal Hills of Uttar Pradesh.

(Interruptions)

MR. SPEAKER: Whatever you speak extempore will not form part of the record; whatever you have given in writing will form part of the record.

*(Interruptions)***

SHRI BHUWAN CHANDRA KHANDURI: The drinking water problem has become extremely acute. This is in spite of the fact that the major rivers like Alaknanda, Bhagirathi, Yamuna etc. originate and flow through this area.

The Minister for Water Resources is requested to direct to Central Water Commission to look into the matter and take short and long term measures at the earliest.

(vii) **Need to ensure punctuality in timings of trains between Howrah and Kharagpur**

SHRI SATYAGOPAL MISRA (Tamluk): The late running of trains, particularly the local trains, has become a regular feature on the Howrah-Kharagpur suburban section of the South Eastern Railways.

The services of almost all the local trains (EMU Services) have considerably deteriorated and they reach the destination late causing tremendous hardship to the daily passengers, office-goers, students, small business men etc. The EMU coaches have also become over-aged.

I urge upon the Railway Minister to ensure strict punctuality in running the local trains for the benefit of lakhs of daily passengers in the Howrah-Kharagpur Suburban Section of the South Eastern Railways. The over-aged EMU coaches should also be replaced immediately.

(viii) **Need to take steps to telecast Malayalam Programme relayed from Trivandrum Doordarshan by other T.V. centres in Kerala**

[*Translation*]

*SHRI V.S. Vijayaraghavan (Palghat): The demand for the facility to relay Malayalam programmes from the Trivandrum Doordharshan by other TV Centres including Palakkad in Kerala has been raised during the past many years. In the absence of this facility, the people living in different parts of the State are not able to view and enjoy Malayalam programmes on T.V. Most of the programmes are either in Hindi or in English. Most of the people there do not understand the language and are not even familiar with the socio-cultural background of the programmes shown on T.V. This detracts them from the utility of this medium.

It is understood that this facility could not be introduced due to non-availability of channels. However, since the work on the optical fibre cable has now been completed and channels have become available, the Ministry of Communications can provide the necessary channel. The T.V. Centres in Palakkad and other places in Kerala will be able to relay Malayalam programmes.

I request the Minister for Information and Broadcasting to take immediate steps in this regard.

**Not recorded.

*Traslation of the matter originally raised in Malayalam.